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Consent Decree Status Report
July 15, 2011
NRDC v. Johnson,
U.S. District Court, Central District of California
No. CV06-4843 PSG (JTLx)

Pursuant to Paragraph 9(b) of the Consent Decree in the above-referenced matter, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "the Agency") provides this status report. It includes a description of the actions taken by EPA with respect to its obligations under the Consent Decree during the preceding six-months (January 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011) and a description of the actions EPA intends to take with respect to its obligations under the Consent Decree during the following six months (July 1 – December 31, 2011).

Consent Decree (CD) ¶ 6: No later than October 15, 2012, EPA shall sign for publication in the Federal Register a notice announcing the availability of new or revised water quality criteria for pathogens and pathogen indicators pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1314(a)(9)(A).

Actions Taken By EPA January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011

EPA's intra-agency workgroup discussed approaches for criteria development and began review and evaluation of the results of the studies EPA conducted under the Critical Path Science Plan, the Settlement Agreement and the Consent Decree, as well as other relevant studies conducted by entities other than EPA.

Actions Planned By EPA from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

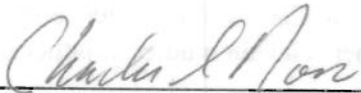
EPA's intra-agency workgroup plans to continue developing the criteria, reviewing and evaluating the results of the studies EPA conducted under the Critical Path Science Plan, the Settlement Agreement and the Consent Decree, as well as other relevant studies.

The undersigned, Sara Hisel-McCoy and Charles I. Noss are, respectively, the Director, Standards and Health Protection Division, Office of Science and Technology and National Program Director for Water Quality, Office of Research and Development. The Office of Science and Technology in EPA's Office of Water and the Office of Research and Development have primary responsibility for discharging EPA's duties under the Consent Decree. This report reflects our best current information concerning the actions taken by EPA with respect to its responsibilities under the Consent Decree during the preceding six months (January 1, 2011 - June 30, 2011) and a description of the actions EPA intends to take with respect to its responsibilities under the Consent Decree during the following six months (July 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011).



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